

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 3, 7-10, and 14-16 have been amended. Claims 2, 11-13, 22, and 23 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-10, 14-21, and 24-28 are now pending in this application.

Allowed Claims 1, 18-21, and 24-28

Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing that claims 1, 18-21, and 24-28 are allowable.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 9-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 3-10 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated over one of U.S. Patent No. 6,297,616 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,291,972 (Zhang) and U.S. Patent No. 6,664,762 in view of Zhang.

Applicants have canceled claim 13 rendering this rejection moot. Applicants have amended claims 3-10 and 14-17 to depend from claim 1, which has been allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-10 and 13-17.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

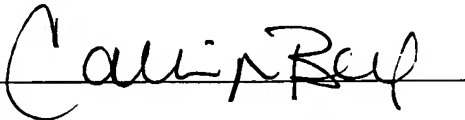
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers

submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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